



East Hartford School Readiness

School Readiness Council Meeting MINUTES FROM

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM)
Raymond Library, 840 Main St. East Hartford

Mission

To promote high-quality inclusive school readiness pre-kindergarten programs, thus increasing all children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society.

Vision

Children First

To ensure a comprehensive and integrated early learning system for all families and their children, birth to 5 years, ensuring high-quality programs so children enter school ready to learn and succeed in life.

Agenda Item	Quality Components / Collaborations
Welcome	
Review and Approval of previous meetings' minutes	
Introductions	
Literacy night update	YMCA reported out how their programs were rolling out their literacy night for families. Discussion of how other school readiness programs could be documenting their literacy activities for ease of retrieval for SR monitoring, NAEYC and QRIS as well as for reflective group discussion
Eat and Educate dates and topics with additional January date	Julie reported out on the last Eat and Educate session, number of attendees and response from participants and upcoming professional development topics
PreK to K transition & parent information update	Julie shared out the work from the Community of Practice team around preK – K transition policies, practices and procedures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers/Council asked EHPS if it would be possible to set up registration dates AT the community programs where families could register there and a K teacher could be there to answer questions Providers/Council asked if all school readiness providers could share the same K transition overview packet with families that ECLC uses Ideas were shared about creating School Readiness specific PreK-K transition information packets that ALL school readiness programs would use
Examples of other school readiness policies around residency,	Policies were reviewed. It was decided that Julie would draft a policy to be reviewed by the council at the next meeting for editing and or approval.

School Readiness RFP update	Programs will need to begin the RFP information gathering process as soon as possible. Sandy will be conducting Spring round of monitoring for the RFP. More work will be done in the Providers meetings. Readers will be needed. Further information will be shared when Liaison's receive the actual RFP.
Continue work around the process for continuous improvement process = professional development plan:	This is ongoing process with focus on PreK-K transition, monitoring, ECE SRBI process, coaching, Assessment – DOTS, and professional development – Eat and Educate.

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